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DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR E-GOVERNANCE .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to develop a unique software package for its much acclaimed e-governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering to incorporate the free software developers in the development of software packages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(ANDIMUTHU RAJA)

(a) and (b): There is no proposal under consideration of Government to develop any `unique software package` for e-Governance.

(c), (d) and (e): No, Sir. However the Department of Information Technology (DIT) has taken steps towards promotion of Free and Open Source Software.DIT has set up a National Resource Centre for Free and Open Source Software (NRCFOSS) at Centre for Development Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Chennai.Anna University KBC Research Centre is also participating in the same.Apart from undertaking development of tools and HR programmes,the Centre is working towards setting up of support centres,promotion of Free/Open Source Software and use of same in various initiatives jointly with Central and State Governments.